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1. THE GOP HAS ANNOUNCED IN VARIOUS FORUMS OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS ITS INTENTION TO FOCUS ATTENTION AND CAPITAL RESOURCES ON FOUR PRIORITY MAJOR PROJECTS; NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, BLAST FURNACE, COPPER SMELTER, AND SUPER PHOSPHATE PLANT (ITS ASEAN ALLOTTED PROJECT).

2. THE NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE 620 MEGAWATT UNIT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN WESTINGHOUSE AND THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION ON FEBRUARY 11, 1976. LOCAL SUB-CONTRACTORS OF WESTINGHOUSE INCLUDE POWER CONTRACTORS INCORPORATED (A CONSORTIUM OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS CREATED PCI FOR THIS NUCLEAR PROJECT) FOR CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL; PHILIPPINE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, A MERALCO SECURITIES CORPORATION SUBSIDIARY, FOR ELECTRICAL WORKS; AND ZARAGOSA AND ASSO-CIATES, ARCHITECTS FOR HOUSING AND SERVICE FACILITIES.

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AS WORK PROGRESSES ON THIS FIRST UNIT, PNC OFFICIALS ARE UNDER

DIRECTIONS OF PRESIDENT MARCOS TO PURSUE ACTIVELY PLANS FOR A SECOND 620 MEGAWATT UNIT. PNC OFFICIALS STATE THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THE INITIATIVE TO WESTINGHOUSE TO MAKE PROPOSALS AND APPROACHES TO U.S. EXIM BANK FOR FINANCING OF THE SECOND UNIT. NPC IS ALSO ENTERTAINING PROPOSALS FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS, EITHER U.S. OR THIRD COUNTRY. THE COUNTRY'S LONG-RANGE GOAL IS STILL TO HAVE 3,200 MEGAWATTS (ABOUT 25PERCENT OF PROJECTED TOTAL DEMAND) OF NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLED BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.

3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN STEEL, COPPER, AND SUPER-PHOSPHATE PROJECTS WERE DESCRIBED IN REFTELS. EMBASSY HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT THE SUPER-PHOSPHATE PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY PLANTERS PRODUCTS. IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO THE PLANNED COPPER SMELTER PROJECT IN NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND WILL PURCHASE 300,000 METRIC TONS OF SULPHURIC ACID FROM THAT PLANT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM TRADE SOURCES THAT ENGINEERING AND PROCUREMENT FOR THIS PLANT ALREADY WELL ADVANCED. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY SALES. INTERESTED AMERICAN FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT MR. LEONIDES GONZALES, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, PLANTERS PRODUCTS INC., P.O. BOX 3947, MANILA, PHILIPPINES.

4. FURTHER ON THE HORIZON IS A PETRO CHEMICAL PROJECT BEING STUDIED BY THE HERDIS MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION. HERDIS IS TALKING WITH VARIOUS U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY FIRMS ABOUT THE PROJECT STILL VERY MUCH IN ITS PLANNING STAGES. THE PHILIPPINES IS APPROACHING THIS PROJECT IN A VERY LOW KEY MANNER BECAUSE OF ITS IMPLICATION IN THE ASEAN CONTEXT. INTERESTED AMERICAN FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT CLAUDIO B. ALTURA, PRESIDENT, ASIAN PETROCHEMICAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 7TH FLOOR, HERDIS BUILDING, 180 SALCEDO ST., LEGASPI VILLAGE, MAKATI, RIZAL, PHILIPPINES. (FYI WE UNDERSTAND PHILLIPS PETROLEUM IS ALREADY INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT.)
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